

## OPINION 1281

ACMAEA LIMATULA CARPENTER, 1864 (MOLLUSCA,  
GASTROPODA): CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers, the specific name *mamillata* Reeve, 1855, as published in the binomen *Patella mamillata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *limatula* Carpenter, 1864, as published in the binomen *Acmaea limatula*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2905.

(3) The specific name *mamillata* Reeve, 1855, as published in the binomen *Patella mamillata*, and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1134.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2268

An application for the conservation of *Acmaea limatula* Carpenter, 1864 was first received from Dr David R. Lindberg (*California Academy of Sciences*) on 30 June 1978. It was sent to the printer on 3 July 1979 and published on 8 May 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 51–52. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and three malacological serials. The application was supported by Dr Barry Roth (*California Academy of Sciences*). No adverse comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 12 March 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule in Voting Paper (1984)3 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 52. At the close of the voting period on 12 June 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes—twenty-three (23) received in the following order: Melville, Savage, Cocks, Willink, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Holthuis, Binder, Brinck, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Corliss, Alvarado, Bayer, Schuster, Uéno, Cogger, Kraus, Ride, Heppell, Lehtinen, Dupuis

Negative Votes—none (0).

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Sabrosky.

Hahn commented: 'If, as I suppose, *Patella mamillata* and *Acmaea limatula* are subjective synonyms, I should have preferred to use the relative precedence procedure.'

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *limatula*, *Acmaea*, Carpenter, 1864, *Rep. brit. Assoc. Adv. Sci.* for 1863, p. 650  
*mamillata*, *Patella*, Reeve, 1855, *Conchol. icon.*, vol. 8, species 140.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(84)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1281.

R. V. MELVILLE

*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*

*26 June 1984*